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SITUATION SUMMARY

Tsunami Preparedness Week 2015

The Governor has proclaimed March 22 – 28, 2015 Tsunami Preparedness Week. During the last full week of March the state supports activities and outreach in coastal counties and communities. This week is a focused opportunity for local governments to offer consistent tsunami safety information to anyone living or working at and visiting the coast. Activities may include tests of the National Tsunami Warning System, exercises using a Pacific-wide, NOAA-developed Exercise (Kamchatka Russia Scenario), public evacuation drills, airplane fly-overs, and community-level outreach, workshops and fairs. Find local events and register at www.TsunamiZone.org to learn how to protect yourself from a tsunami anytime you're near the coast.

Example events:

- Humboldt & Del Norte Test Mass Notification System
- Del Norte Dedicated new historic Kiosks downtown
- Marin Tsunami Preparedness Symposium
- Alameda, Santa Cruz Awareness Training AWR-217
- San Mateo Pacifica, Half Moon Bay Table top Exercises
- Monterey Public outreach fair event
- Santa Barbara Board of Supervisor's Proclamation Ceremony
- · Los Angeles Tsunami Walk Drill & Fair at Hermosa Beach
- Orange County Tsunami Walk Drill & Fair at Huntington Beach
- Orange County Newport Beach Community Workshop
- · Orange, Monterey, San Diego, San Mateo participated in Communication Exercises

California State Warning Center Continuity Exercise

- The California State Warning Center (CSWC) conducted a Continuity of Operations Exercise at Cal OES Building D. CSWC staff
 were able to perform basic operational functions which included, VoIP soft-client phones and direct ring-down to Diablo Canyon
 Nuclear Power Plant.
- In addition to the CSWC checklist of Emergency Operations, connectivity of the hotspot from a cell phone and one computer was tested which allowed operational access to the VoIP soft-client and essential CSWC databases.



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Weather of Concern

• Warm weather is expected to return to the majority of the state. Reno, Oxnard, and San Diego NWS Offices are reporting that temperatures are projected to rise to well above normal values late this week with the potential for heat records to be broken. In Southern California, Santa Ana wind is expected to be weak to moderate so gusts near 50 mph at the windiest prone passes and canyons for late Wednesday into Thursday morning. The hottest day is expected on Friday for most areas.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident - 2014 Drought

• SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

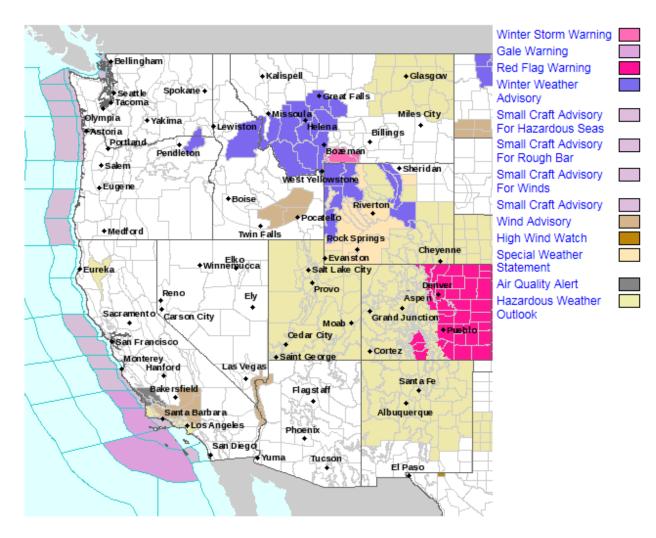
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Today will be the final day in the recent unsettled to wet pattern across most of Northern California. A weakened but fairly moist cold front will continue to put moderate to locally heavier precipitation in areas north of about a Leggett to Shasta Lake line. Light to locally moderate showers will extend farther east, but wetting totals will stay primarily north of a Shasta Lake to Eagle Lake line. Snow levels are rising gradually and will be at least 5000 feet north to 6000 feet south. Humidity stays moderate to high today, probably above 50% in all Predictive Service Areas. Winds are light to moderate south to west-southwest this morning, and will transition to mostly light west to northwest by sunset. By tonight, three-day precipitation totals should range from 2.5 - 4.5 inches in the far northwest mountains, 0.5 - 1.0 inch elsewhere in the mountains, and a trace to 0.5 inches at lower elevations. Look for a major change in the governing pattern starting tomorrow. High pressure will be of moderate strength just off the West Coast, and it will build stronger while shifting east to center over California Thursday and Friday. This will bring a significant 3-4 day drying and warming trend to all inland areas, as well as many coastal locations. A mainly light north-northeast to east/ offshore surface wind pattern will enhance these conditions Wednesday-Thursday, primarily from the Western Sierra slopes southwestward. There will also be substantial decreases in overnight relative humidity recoveries above midslope as we progress past midweek. The high is expected to weaken next weekend and allow cooler and more humid conditions to move in.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

A breezy period of weather can be expected the next few days as the current rapid zonal flow aloft transitions to an offshore pattern later in the week. But today, gusty northwest winds of 20-30 mph with gusts over 40 mph will occur across the Kern County Mountains, the Antelope Valley as well as portions of the Central Coast. Some mid and high level clouds can be expected to filter into the region, but despite the cloud cover, expect temperatures to be about 5 degrees warmer over most areas this afternoon. Tonight, the flow will transition to a northerly direction, which will result in gusty winds of 20-30 mph developing across the Santa Ynez Range and the I-5 Corridor. Wednesday night through Friday, expect east and northeasterly offshore winds to produce much warmer and drier conditions. The peak of the offshore wind event looks to occur Thursday morning when some gusts to 35 mph will be possible in some of the passes and canyons. Temperatures will be over 90 degrees in some of the warmest inland valleys and lower foothills of Southern California both Thursday and Friday. Minimum relative humidity will likely be close to the single digits during the afternoon hours later this week with fair to poor recovery over Southern California Thursday and Friday nights. Saturday, winds should become light with cooler onshore flow becoming reestablished by afternoon. Isolated light showers may be possible near the higher terrain Sunday afternoon with temperatures trending closer to normal both Sunday and Monday. Warmer weather may return by the middle of next week. No significant precipitation is expected during the next 7 to 10 days.

STATE WEATHER MAP



Last map update: Mar, 24th 2015 at 5:49:17 pm MDT

FIRE ACTIVITY

Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php

NWS California River Forecast Center:

http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/



RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Round Fire, Mono County

- Site sampling and hazardous materials recovery of the affected properties began 03/14/15. Cal Recycle began debris removal operations 03/23/15.
- Two Recovery personnel have deployed to Mono County to assist with debris removal operations.
- An Applicant's Briefing will be held on 04/03/15 at 1300 hours, at the Lee Vining Community Center, to discuss the eligibility and guidelines of the CDAA program.



CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a monthly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Cal OES Regional (Inland, Costal, Southern) conference calls continue to occur on a bi-weekly basis.



CAL OES MISSIONS

New Cal OES Missions

• 2015-LAW-9118, 3/24/15 1720 hours: AFRCC reports a PLB activation in Atwater, Merced County, near Castle airport. The position plots just off the ramp and near Castle Aviation and Development Center. R/O sold the PLB 2 years ago and has no information on the buyer other than a company located in Oregon. Cal OES LDO and Merced County SO has been briefed.

Ongoing Cal OES Missions

- 2015-LAW-9102, 3/24/15 0300 hours: Solano County Sheriff has requested a large contingent of Search and Rescue team members and search dogs to assist with a search for a missing/abducted 30 yr. old female from Vallejo. Resources have been requested from Marin, Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Monterey, Santa Cruz, Lake and San Mateo County Sheriffs. Numerous law enforcement agencies including the FBI are assisting with this investigation. SAR resources will be for victim search only in a secured area. Cal OES Assistant Law Chief Dennis Smithson responded to coordinate resources at the scene in conjunction with the Law Duty Officer. Update: 03/24/15 at 1700 hours: SAR ground units are being released and demobilized. Search is continuing using watercraft and sonar equipment. Mission On-Going.
- 2015-LAW-9096, 3/23/15 1030 hours: Trinity County Sheriff's Department has uncovered new information on the whereabouts of a missing person from 2014. Through their investigation, they have discovered an address the missing person was staying in Shasta County. Trinity County SO has requested assistance with conducting a search (after a search warrant is served) at the property on Saturday 03/28/15. Trinity County Sheriff's Department via Shasta County Sheriff is requesting a Human Remains Detection dog to assist in this search. The property to be searched is approximately 80 acres, with small ponds and hilly terrain. Mission On-going.
- 2015-LAW-9018, 3/18/15, 1329 hours: Solano County Sheriff requested 2 HRD dogs for a continuation of a search from 2013. The location of the search is in Vacaville CA. Cal OES Canine Coordinator is working on the request. Search scheduled for 3/25/15 at 0900. Mission ongoing.





Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.